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<b>Ex Parte Reexamination Interview Summary</b>	<b>Control No.</b>	<b>Patent Under Reexamination</b>	
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Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
 c) ☐ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ patent owner 2) ☐ patent owner's representative)

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.  
 Any other agreement(s) are set forth below under "Description of the general nature of what was agreed to..."

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

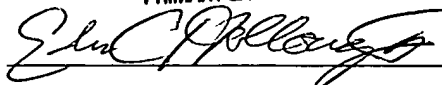
Identification of prior art discussed: Hildebrand (US 5640153).

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:  
See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims patentable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims patentable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative argued that manual input of verification code saves costs to the supplier by making it more difficult for the user to receive discounts and discussed adding manual input of verification code and including history data different from the verification code. The examiner agreed that such additions do not appear to be taught by Hildebrand but changing between automatic and manual input is generally considered to be obvious. The examiner suggested applicant include details of how the code is generated and how it is manually input and to point out support in the specification for the cost savings. Applicant's amendments will be considered when formally submitted.